

FRIENDS TO FRIENDS

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President's Message – from Barbara Askew

The Friends of the Library have had a very busy three months since the last newsletter. In April, the OCPL Staff celebrated National Volunteer Week with a party for the volunteers who help the library function at top capacity. Volunteer Co-ordinator and Party-Planner-in-Chief, Janice Lovinggood, and the entire staff put on a fun-filled party with wonderful food cooked and served by the staff, all accompanied by rousing German Polka music. Our proudest moment was the presentation of the Lucile Bellotte Moore Award to FOL Publicity Chairperson, Jean Mercer (pictured below at right, with FOL President Barb Askew, Sen. Thomas Alexander and OCPL Board Chairman Danny Day in the background). This well-deserved honor was given to Jean in part because she has helped tremendously in making the Friends of the Library presence known in the community which, in turn, has increased attendance and income at the Book Sales.



Also in April, Ellen Plumpe and I attended the Baby Fair at the Shaver Complex in Seneca. Booked as a "Baby Shower" and sponsored by FIRST STEPS, the Fair was held to bring the attention of first time mothers

to the help available for them in Oconee County during their pregnancy and the first two years of their baby's lives. Because our library considers reading to be a great part of the first years, we shared a table with the Children's Library assistant, D.J., and displayed our **Read to Me** bags - a gift to all babies born at Oconee Memorial Hospital. (Each book bag contains a board book, a bib, a growth chart that notes books appropriate for baby as he or she grows, and several pamphlets for parents concerning the importance of encouraging a life-long love of books and reading).

*Disclaimer: Because the question has been asked several times, **Read to Me** is NOT to be confused with Baby Reads, a program advertised by Caron Von Hippel. Now starting its fifth year, **Read to Me** is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and fully endorsed by the Oconee County Public Library System. Baby Reads is not.*

At the May Friends of the Library Board Meeting, the Board unanimously voted to add to the Little Free Libraries in Oconee County. Thanks to a generous gift a few years ago, Mt. Rest has Little Libraries in several locations throughout their town. Now Friends is going to expand this and, with community approval, locate Little Free Libraries in two other communities that are far from any library: Fair Play and Long Creek. For those who have never heard of the Little Free Libraries, the model is a replica of a schoolhouse, but others come in all shapes and sizes and can be located anywhere that they are safe and have the approval of townspeople. I love the motto: **Take a Book Return a Book**. In other words, it's a free swap shop! Friends of the

Welcome to these new members:

Ray & Shelley Freeman	Seneca
Diane C. Schmidt	Salem
Andrea & Bruce Schober	Seneca

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President's Message (Cont'd)

Library will donate the first books and continue to fill in, but if it takes off in these two towns as it has in Mt. Rest, the books will multiply as people read a book, return it and take another. We are about to have our first committee meeting and we even have a "Project Manager", Kyla Carbone, a new "worker bee" and member of the FOL Board.

Have any of our readers ever heard of the [Network for Good](#)? Neither had we until Seneca Branch Manager, Emily Whitmire's sister Lacey was recently married. She listed Oconee County

Friends of the Library on her bridal registry and we have benefited greatly (so far, more than \$1000.00 of gifts) from the generosity of her family and friends! We are very appreciative and send a big thank you to Emily, her sister Lacey and husband Ben for including us as part of their happy event!

We have truly had an eventful couple of months! Have a wonderful summer!



*"Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one."
The Guardian (U.K.)*

Changes to FOL By Laws

At the March and May FOL Board meetings, the By-laws were revised bringing them up to date with correct practices. If you would like a copy of the revised By-laws, please contact plumpe@charter.net. The By-laws are changed by Board vote and do not require a vote by the general membership. Here are the most important changes:

Under Membership: Life Membership was eliminated and a new category was added called Gold.

Friends will no longer be keeping a record of library volunteers as that is being done by Janice Lovinggood, the library's Volunteer Coordinator.

The following was added: "The President and Treasurer, acting together, can spend up to and including \$100 without Board approval." This was done to agree with a motion passed by the Board several years ago.

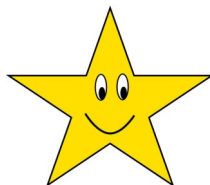
The office of Member at Large was eliminated and two new positions were added to be filled if needed: Nominating Chairperson and Volunteer Chairperson.

A statement was added saying major changes to the By-laws would be published in the Friends newsletter and a copy of the By-laws will be available to the public upon request.

30 Years!

The Oconee County Friends of the Library is 30 years old this year. There are four members who joined us way back in 1985:

Jack and Betty Carter
The Paul Hayne Circle
Alex and Maria Macaulay
Eleanor Richardson



We congratulate and thank you for your long and faithful journey with us!

Blue Grass Concert at the Salem Library

Come celebrate the end of the Adult Summer Reading Program. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a bluegrass band concert with the group Conservation Theory. The band features Eddie Martin on Banjo. It will be on **July 31st at 7 PM** at the Salem Commu-

nity Center. The event will be sponsored by the Salem Library branch of the Oconee County Public Library and will be underwritten by Oconee County Friends of the Library. Refreshments will be served. For more information call the Salem Library at 944-0912.

Let's Talk About It

The fall series will be "Not for Children Only". The books are:

Classic Fairy Tales by Iona & Peter Opie
Tatterhood & Other Tales by Ethel Phelps
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Patterson
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildren Taylor
I Am The Cheese by Robert Cormier

Dates have not yet been set. If you are on the LTAI mailing list, you will be notified when the books are available. For more information, contact the Seneca Library at 882-4855.

This book discussion group is typically led by a Clemson professor and is funded by the South Carolina Humanities Council and the Oconee County Friends of the Library. Meetings are held at the Seneca branch on E. South Second Street.

Book Recommendation from Emily Hitchcock

My Beloved World by Justice Sonia Sotomayor

This memoir is a fascinating glimpse into the mind and early life of a remarkable person. It is an entertaining yet thought provoking look at how one woman overcame poverty, discrimination and what was, at the time, a debilitating and possibly deadly illness to become a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

A Wonderful Gift

FOL recently received a gift of four bookcases given by former Oconee County residents, Rick and Claudia Hughes.

Pictured in front of the gift bookcase are: Renee Benett, Ellen Plumbe, Rick Hughes and Barb Askew.

These bookcases have created more space for the mystery and romance fiction section.

Thank you so much, Rick and Claudia!



Your Library's Branches

(Hours subject to change)

Walhalla Branch (Main Library)

501 West South Broad St., Walhalla, SC 29691

Phone: 864-638-4133

Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9 AM to 9 PM
Wednesday – Friday 9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM
Sunday* 2 PM to 5:30 PM*

*during school year only

Seneca Branch

300 East South Second St., Seneca, SC 29678

Phone: 864-882-4855

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 AM to 8 PM
Friday 9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM
Sunday CLOSED

Westminster Branch

112 West North Ave., Westminster, SC 29693

Phone: 864-364-5760

Hours: Monday 11:30 PM to 8 PM
Tuesday – Friday 10 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM
Sunday CLOSED

Salem Branch

5 Park Ave., Salem, SC 29676

Phone: 864-944-0912

Hours: Monday 10 AM to 6 PM
Tuesday – Friday 8:30 AM to 5 PM
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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